

## **Amendments to the Claims**

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings in the application:

### **Listing of Claims**

1. (previously presented) A method of securing an intersection formed from two or more crossed strands of a device suitable for implantation into a living being, the intersection defining at least two sections, the method comprising:

passing a non-radio opaque securing material through at least two of the at least two sections, wherein the passing includes bending the non-radio opaque securing material at a location, thereby defining a non-radio opaque securing material segment on each side of the location; and

joining the two non-radio opaque securing material segments to secure the intersection formed from the two or more crossed strands of the device suitable for implantation into a living being.

2. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the joining includes tying the two non-radio opaque securing material segments.

3-11. (canceled)

12. (previously presented) A method of securing an intersection formed from two or more crossed strands, the intersection defining at least two sections, the method comprising:

bending a non-radio opaque securing material, thereby forming a closed end and a non-radio opaque securing material segment on each side of the closed end;

passing the closed end through at least one of the at least two sections;

passing both non-radio opaque securing material segments through at least one of the at least two sections; and

passing both non-radio opaque securing material segments through the closed end to secure the intersection.

13. (canceled)

14. (currently amended) The method of claim 12 ~~43~~, wherein the joining includes tying the two non-radio opaque securing material segments.

15-24. (canceled)

25. (previously presented) A device suitable for implantation into a living being, the device comprising:

a body having at least two strands crossed to form an intersection, the intersection defining at least two sections; and

a non-radio opaque securing material passed through at least two of the at least two sections, the non-radio opaque securing material being bent at a location and having a non-radio opaque securing material segment on each side of the location, the non-radio opaque securing material segments being joined together using one or more of tying, gluing, heating and compressing.

26. (previously presented) A device suitable for implantation into a living being, the device comprising:

- a body having at least two strands crossed to form an intersection, the intersection defining at least two sections, each of the at least two strands having a free end separated from the intersection by a strand segment but no other intersection; and
- a non-radio opaque securing material passed through at least two of the at least two sections, the non-radio opaque securing material being bent at a location and having a non-radio opaque securing material segment on each side of the location, the non-radio opaque securing material segments being joined together.